

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service  
Contract 34 (MC2016-211)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-300

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON  
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO  
PRIORITY MAIL & FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE  
CONTRACT 34

(August 24, 2018)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice in this docket.<sup>1</sup> In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 34.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service's Notice includes a certified statement as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.5, a public (redacted) version of the Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 34, and supporting financial data estimating the contract value during the first year.

In Order No. 3562, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add a new product identified as Priority Mail Contract 34 to the Competitive Product List.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Notice Initiating Docket No. CP2016-300, August 21, 2018

<sup>2</sup> USPS Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 34, Filed Under Seal, August 20, 2018. (Notice)

<sup>3</sup> See Order No. 3562, Order Adding Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 34 to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2016-211/CP2016-300, October 12, 2016

The instant amendment amends the terms of Sections I.A., I.B, I.E, I.J, and I.K, among other changes. Attach. A at 1.

The effective date for the Amendment to Contract 34 is two (2) business days following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. , *Id.* at 8. The contract, as originally filed, was set to expire 3 years from its effective date, unless either party terminated the contract on 30 days' prior written notification, or other specific events. *Id.*

## COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed the Postal Service's Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 34 and the financial data filed under seal with the Postal Service's Notice. Based upon that review, the Public Representative concludes that Contract 34, as amended, should continue to generate sufficient revenues to cover costs and thereby satisfy 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and thus should be approved by the Commission.

Finally, the Postal Service must file revenue and cost data for Contract 34 in future Annual Compliance Reports. This data will permit the Commission to annually review the financial results for Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 34 in a future Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) report for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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